GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DRINKING WATER SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work is being undertaken in Bihar under the drinking water scheme;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the amount allocated by the Union Government to Bihar under the said scheme during the last three years alongwith the amount out of above utilized and surrendered by this State during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Drinking Water is a State subject. The Central Government supplement the efforts of the States in providing drinking water facilities to rural habitations by rendering financial assistance under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The State Governments are empowered to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply projects from the funds provided under ARWSP. The details of works undertaken are not maintained at the Central level.

(c) The amount released to the Government of Bihar under ARWSP (Normal) and the unspent balance during the last three years are as under: -

Year	Amount Released (Rs. in Lakh)	Amount unutilized (Rs. in Lakh)
2002-03	3703.00	831.5986
2003-04	3159.50	1562.68576
2004-05	7400.03	4574.296

In case the unspent balance of any State/UT at the beginning of the financial year is more than 15% of that year`s allocation, the excess amount is deducted from the second installment of ARWSP funds released to that State/UT.

Besides above, funds were also released under other components of ARWSP for specific purposes. These are: -

-? Rs. 445.37 lakhs in 2003-04 for coverage of 3299 schools under PM`s programme.
-? Rs. 1541.00 lakh in 2004-05 for calamity relief.
-? Rs. 725.84 lakh in 2004-2005 for taking up 413 rural water supply schemes under Swajaldhara in Patna, Vaishali, East Champaran, Bhagalpur and Siwan districts.